

# Los Angeles: U.S. Hands Off Venezuela - Sat., Feb. 2

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Venezuelans were in the streets the morning of Jan. 23. Photo: teleSUR

## **U.S. Hands Off Venezuela/Latin America - Money for Jobs, Not War**

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McArthur Park - North Side  
Los Angeles, California 90057

Hosted by Harriet Tubman Center for Social Justice - L.A.

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Trump recognized Venezuelan opposition leader Juan Guaidó as interim president, calling democratically elected President Nicolas Maduro "illegitimate." In response, Venezuela cut diplomatic ties with the U.S., giving diplomats 72 hours to leave the country.

This is another coup just like in Honduras in 2009, and others in Central American and the Middle East happening before our eyes. When the U.S. supports coups in foreign countries and installs their own pro corporate capitalist leaders they further destabilize nations, hence the migrant caravan. Venezuela has long suffered from U.S. actions, but now with sanctions and its support for a forced leader, things will get worse. Maduro just raised the minimum wage for Venezuelans by 300%. How much has our government raised U.S. wages in the last 30 years?

Many Venezuelans tell us to stay out of their affairs. We should listen and start focusing on our own problems, which we are not in short supply of. The U.S. government just reopened from the longest shut down in history. We had 800,000 people unable to pay their bills & working for free, we have people going into

Mexico for healthcare, and the U.S. is trying to tell a country how to run themselves?

It seems that every time a country attempts to have successful socialism in Latin America, the U.S. government has to ensure it fails and rush to them as white saviors bringing forth capitalism. Capitalism isn't working for us. It's not working for people in South America, it won't work for anyone in the near future, but it is working for those at the very top who profit off destabilizing everyone else. Mexico has not supported Guaido yet, and Bolivian President Evo Morales declared "solidarity with the people of Venezuela and brother Nicolas Maduro" in resisting the "claws of imperialism" in South America.

This is what this country is doing to ensure the failure of a more socialist approach. These actions now if not stopped, will have great consequences in our near future. If we complain about immigration, we might want to understand that the only way to stop people from escaping mass violence and political unrest in their countries is to stop creating those conditions. If the U.S. government didn't meddle in foreign government affairs, it could also better focus on our people's needs and actually help those who do want our help

Join us in standing up to the imperialist pro-war agenda of both sides of the aisle. We are witnessing the continuation of the 1960s anti-war and civil rights movement. It's time we carry the torch and say no U.S. intervention and war from Venezuela to Nicaragua to Palestine to Syria. #HandsoffVenezuela #NoMoreWar

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